

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Yoshitsugu HAMA et al. :  
Serial No. NEW : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**  
Filed July 21, 2003 : **Attorney Docket No. 2003-1012**

LAMINATED MATERIAL OF  
SEGREGATING MEMBRANE AND  
SEGREGATING MEMBRANE  
SUPPORTING MATERIAL, AND  
ITS METHOD OF MANUFACTURE :  
**(Rule 1.53(b) Continuation of Serial No.  
09/665,073, Filed September 19, 2000)**

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

**COVER LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

An Office Action was mailed April 21, 2003 in connection with the parent application, Serial No. 09/665,073. Applicants are not responding on the merits to the Office Action, but instead are submitting herewith a Continuation application.

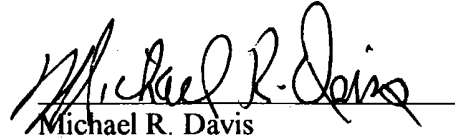
The Continuation application has a new set of claims. In addition, the specification for the Continuation application changes "weighted average density of the fibers" in the parent application to --density of the fibers--; and also converts the denier units in the parent to units of microns ( $\mu\text{m}$ ). For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the continuation application showing these changes with underlines, labeled EXHIBIT, is submitted herewith.

Applicants are of the opinion that no new matter has been introduced into the new application, and accordingly, it is being termed a Continuation application, instead of a Continuation-in-Part application.

Respectfully submitted,

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